

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1863 without my signature.

While I respect the author's intent to recognize the role of Italian Americans in California and United State history, I have consistently vetoed legislation that has attempted to include specific details or events into areas of instruction. The State Board of Education adopted content standards are developed by a diverse group of experts and are intentionally broad in order to allow coverage of various events, developments, and issues. I continue to believe that the State should establish rigorous academic standards and frameworks, but refrain from being overly prescriptive in specific school curriculum.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger